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SUBJECT: ALGIERS SAHARA REPORT

1. BATTLEGROUND: POLISARIO CLAIMS OF SUCCESSFUL BATTLEFIELD STRIKES CONTINUE. MOST CLAIMS CARRIED BY FBIS. ALGERIAN MEDIA HIGHLIGHTED 16 JULY ATTACK ON STATION NUMBER THREE OF BOU CRAA CONVEYOR BELT WHICH ALLEGEDLY KILLED 30 AND WOUNDED 15 MOROCCANS, AND 19 JULY AMBUSH NEAR AMGALA WHICH ALLEGEDLY KILLED 70 AND WOUNDED 50.

2. MEDIA: ALGERIAN MEDIA STAYED IN LOW GEAR DURING WEEK, PRODUCING ONLY TWO EDITORIALS, BOTH FOCUSED ON RABAT/NOUAKCHOTT "DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE". FOR PRESS THIS ALLIANCE ESCALATES MOROCCAN THREAT TO SAHRAOUI PEOPLE AND REVOLUTIONARY ALGERIA, REVEALS FAILURE OF MOROCCAN SAHARA POLICY, REPRESENTS EFFORT TO LAY GROUND WORK FOR MOROCCAN "RIGHT OF PURSIT" AGAINST TINDOUF, AND IS STEP TOWARD MOROCCAN "ANNEXATION" OF MAURITANIA. NONE OF THESE GOALS WILL BE ACHIEVED, ACCORDING TO ALGERIANS, BECAUSE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEDICATION OF SAHRAOUI, ALGERIAN AND MAURITANIAN

PEOPLE. ALL THIS APPEARS PRO FORMA AND NOT
WRITTEN IN HEAT; ALGERIANS , IN MEDIA AT LEAST, ARE
TURNING OTHER CHEEK TO HASSAN'S SPEECH AND
MOROCCAN MEDIA CRIES. PARKER

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